

ERASMUS+  
KA1 – Learning Mobility of Individuals  
Mobility of staff in adult education



# Learning from Nature

October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Calabria, South Italy

# Introduction and Aims

“Learning from Nature” workshop is an experiential five days workshop about your Self perceptions, that are determined by its relations with other phenomena and that are changed by the very act of observation.

The fundamental longing of humans is to connect ourselves with our own essence. It is not about how to act with more rational knowledge, but to create a bridge between your rational mind and your inner wisdom, developing the necessary emotional strength and spiritual power.

The workshop will take place from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Tropea, Calabria, South Italy.

The magic of nature and the beauty can deliver you the peace, the love, the intuitions and the calm you need in challenging chaotic times.



# Context

Isoropia started implementing a two-year project within the European program Erasmus+ titled "Living Authentically - Learning Mobility of individuals" in 2015. The "Living Authentically" project is implemented in partnership with [Visionautik Akademie](#) - Germany and [Aura Sviluppo Sostenibile](#) - Italy.

<http://livingauthentically.wixsite.com/home>

Isoropia provides support to individuals and organizations in two ways. One way is to organize workshops that discover the strengths, dreams and ways how to create a person's and collective's desired future (neither fixing deficiencies nor solving problems). The second kind of support is to provide training programs for the new competences needed for efficient collaborations in network organizations.

The "Learning from Nature" workshop is co-running with our Italian partner Ms. Elena Franzini, Ph.D. (Aura Sviluppo Sostenibile /Aura Sustainable Development).

This workshop is the result of the European Grundtvig Learning Partnership "Enhancing systemic transformation and learning in times of chaos and crisis", 2012-2014.



# Objectives

The objectives of the workshop "Learning from Nature" are:

## **Starting transformational process**

To create the field and open the space for transformation, redirect your attention from outside to inside, practice the listening to yourself and experience the deep breath of life that is breathing within you. The path from outside to inside. The quality of your inner space.

## **Ensouling your perception**

Change your perceptions, experience the wonder of an ensouled world. Create your symbols, discover your mirrors, create your metaphors from your experience with nature. Add transpersonal spiritual energies. Develop your ability to sense. Trust your sensibility and trust your intuition. Use imagination.

## **Live Sustaining Transformation**

Love yourself, improve your self-esteem, rehearse presence, develop imagination, live harmonious life during your systemic transformation.

## **Come back from inside to outside**

Act with your roots in your soul. Explore the future from within. Letting go, letting come. Authenticity and the courage to speak with your voice. Show yourself. The U movement.

## **Share and harvest**

The key lies in transforming both our capacity to see and sense, and our capacity to create.

## **Be whole, be connected**

Build your capacity to see that no longer separate the observer from what's observed; a new capacity for stillness that no longer fragments who we really are from what's emerging.

## **Explore the future from within**

And a new capacity to create alternative realities that no longer fragments the wisdom of your head, heart and hand. A synthesis of all different facets of a single way of being.

# Methods

With the use of observation, imagination, visualisation, storytelling, silence and mindfulness techniques you discover nature as an inspiration for your own life and a way of living authentic together.

Silent observation and experiential and mindful connection with nature and self are especially emphasized throughout the course.

The development and use of your own metaphors for an authentic life and living together will be enhanced, learning from nature.

Through meditation and visualisation and mirroring participants will learn from each other, develop the connection and open communication within the group.

Thus the training course will include elements from storytelling, improvisation, authentic movement of bodywork.

Additionally short theoretical inputs and exercises for coloring and visualizations will be used.



# Target Groups

The workshop is created for adults whose capacity to live life fully and authentically significantly influence other people's wellbeing: teachers, facilitators, innovators and change makers. We invite also those people that learn by living, people that want to live more authentic and proactive, balanced lives, will gain better reference point, internationally developed course and possibility to get involved in long-term program that would support their transformations.

Participants will gain international experience, may strengthen their international professional relations, play an active role in the professional communities and gained organizational knowledge in organizations with the best reputation in adult education for new, sustainable economy and authentic living and collaborating.



# Preparation

We invite you to be fully present during all the course dates: engaging in activities, being on time for sessions and committing fully to learning, sharing and exploring the topic.

The main theme of this course is exploration of yourself in relation to the nature. We will use embodiment, meditation, opening activities - like Deep dive into yourself - Mindfulness practices - Learning lab practices - as parts of our daily program, thus be ready to host yourself and prepare your body (and clothes) for active and engaging presence.

Daily “soul check-in”, journaling on your role in life, inner conversations, sharing and listening in coaching circles, taking inspiration from nature and transpersonal experiences are essential parts of the workshop.

## What to bring?

Comfortable clothes and shoes for indoors and outdoors activities; raincoat or waterproof jacket.

Feel free to innovate and cocreate with us the workshop contents. Bring your favorite music (instruments), games, inspirations for others, etc...

# Trainers

Program will be facilitated by Elena Franzini and Jasenka Gojšić, supported by Mare Šuljak.



Elena is a senior facilitator and trainer in personal and collective transformation and creates and facilitates learning experiences inspired by nature. Elena has a Ph.D. In Agricultural Meteorology and a M.Sc. In Agriculture of the University of Agriculture in Vienna, Austria. She is counselor in psychosynthesis, and has a national and international experience as senior trainer and facilitator in the field of personal development, inner path of consciousness and inspirational work in nature. She is specialized in personal transformation and in social transformation processes in times of chaos and crisis, and Open Space and World Café methodologies. She is visionary and is particularly skilled in creating and developing pioneering projects.



Jasenka is a facilitator of transformational learning. She has 23 years of experience in leadership and management, always focused on the growth of people involved in an endeavor. As a mentor, teacher and trainer, she supports transformation by experiential learning. Jasenka has master of telecommunication and informatics earned at Faculty of electrical Engineering and Computing of University of Zagreb, Croatia, and MBA and Master of Science in Management achieved at IEDC School of Management, Bled, Slovenia.



Mare is a visual artist, working as a freelancer. She is longtime associate of Isoropia in making visual materials for different projects. She was also a member of Grundivg Learning Partnership Project "Enhancing Transformation in Time of Chaos and Crises", as an associates of DIM NGOs. As an artist she uses drawing techniques and teaches attendees to look at the object of interest and its transformation resulting from the change in perspective.

# Venue - Calabria, South Italy

<b>Date</b>	October 31 <sup>st</sup> to November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 (Monday-Friday)
<b>Venue</b>	Calabria, South Italy (organic farm Priscopio, Ciaramiti di Ricadi) (4 km from Tropea)
<b>Arrival Airport</b>	Lamezia Terme
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The training course will take place in Calabria, South Italy. It is located in the quiet place, close to the sea.



# Finances

**Costs** 60€/person/day food and accommodation  
(double or triple bedroom)

**Participation fee**

individuals, NGO and associations 350€  
(could be fully funded with Erasmus+ Mobility)  
corporate 700€

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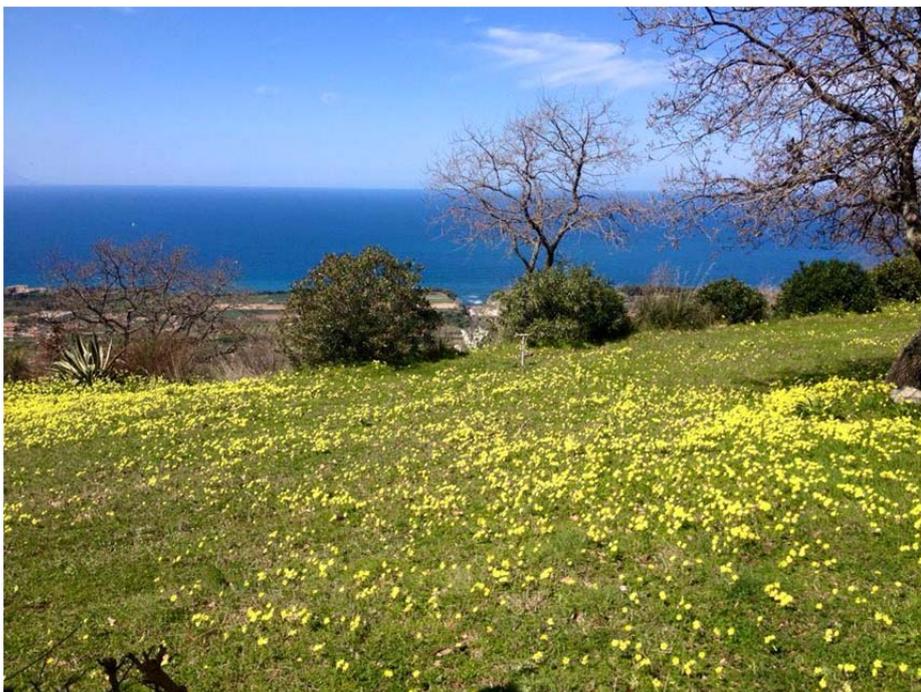
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**Participant registration** for “Learning from Nature” workshop,  
October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Calabria, South Italy is  
available on link below.

[http://livingauthentically.wixsite.com/home/participant-  
registration](http://livingauthentically.wixsite.com/home/participant-registration)



# Contact & Partners

This workshop is part of the project "Living Authentically", coordinated by Isoropia d.o.o. from Croatia and run in cooperation with Aura Sviluppo Sostenibile ([www.piepildi.org](http://www.piepildi.org)) Italy. More about "Living Authentically" project is available here <http://livingauthentically.wixsite.com/home>.

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# Draft programme

Breakfast: 08:30  
Lunch: 13:00  
Dinner: 19:00

Please note that the program might be a subject to changes.

## Monday

### October 31<sup>st</sup> Exploring Your Attitude Toward Nature

08:00 Morning Meditation  
10:00 Opening Circle - check-in  
11:00 Barefoot Soil Walk  
15:00 Coaching Circle  
16:00 Connect Yourself and Nature

## Tuesday

### November 1<sup>st</sup> Ensoul your perception

08:00 Morning Meditation  
10:00 Harvesting Circle  
11:00 Framing Your Presence  
15:00 Coaching circle  
21:00 Night hike

## Wednesday

### November 2<sup>nd</sup> Live Sustaining Transformation

08:00 Morning Meditation  
10:00 Harvesting Circle  
11:00 Step in a Wather  
15:00 Coaching circle  
16:00 Connect Yourself and Nature

## Thursday

### November 3<sup>rd</sup> The path back from inside to outside

08:00 Morning Meditation  
10:00 Harvesting Circle  
11:00 Voice Walk  
15:00 Coaching Circle  
16:00 Visiting Tropea

## Friday

### November 4<sup>th</sup> Taking Inspiration from Nature for Rest of Your Life

08:00 Morning Meditation  
10:00 Harvesting Circle  
11:00 Explore the Future from Within  
15:00 Coaching Circle  
16:00 Title of a Book of My Life